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CITY NEWS

Mr. B. I. you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us: we will send you all your local news.—(E.S.)

Mr. W. P. Hamilton, our East Side fireman, is indisposed this week.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson is sick this week she is suffering from rheumatism.

Next week is the last week that one can get the Bystander one year for \$1.

Mrs. C. W. Eubanks of Ft. Madison will be in our city this week to take treatment from a specialist.

Wm. Smith, of Piere, S. D., formally of this city, is in our city this week to attend his brother's funeral.

Mr. Geo. Jones, one of the respected old citizens of Okaloosa, was in our city this week visiting his only son Vivian Jones, our popular undertaker.

Mrs. James James accompanied her little grand daughter, Mary Stanton, home from Brookfield, Mo., to visit indefinitely. Mary reports a fine time in Missouri.

Mrs. G. H. Clegggett and daughter, Miss Adah will leave next week for Ames, Iowa, at the Agricultural College, where they have been employed. They enjoyed the holiday rest at their home immensely.

The M. C. T. Club will hold their regular weekly meeting at Mrs. John L. Thompson's residence 1304 20th street. All members are urged to be present. On time, next Monday afternoon Jan. 15.

The Callanan Industrial club will hold their first meeting this year with Mrs. R. N. Hyde, W. 13th St. All members are requested to be present as business of importance by the president.

Mrs. Hazel Harris of Sioux City, who has been spending the holidays visiting her relatives, Mrs. Geo. Taylor returned home last week. She made a pleasant call at the Bystander office. She had a very pleasant visit in her old home city.

Mrs. Geo. Kellis, one of Keokuk's leading ladies, who have been spending the holidays in our city the guest of relatives and friends left Tuesday for the Gate City, having a delightful visit.

The revival meeting that is in progress at the A. M. E. church is increasing in every way. Only the extreme cold weather prevents the large crowds from going. Rev. Winston and Taylor are strong ministers.

Notice of Dissolution We who compose the co-partnership of Jones & Lucas, Undertakers and Funeral Directors, located at 519 East Locust street, was dissolved this week by mutual consent. Public please take notice. Geo. W. Lucas.

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium club met and organized. There were nineteen boys and young men present. The first movement will be a basketball team. The officers elected were as follows: Douglas Miller, President; Adam Newcomb, Vice Pres; Finesse Bledsoe, Secretary; Lucillious Beverly Ass't. Secretary; Dr. E. A. Lee, Treasurer; J. S. Beverly, Mgr.

"A Model Housekeeper" was the most able and splendid address delivered before the women of the Mother's Congress by Mrs. Charles Cousin on last Saturday afternoon. Regardless of the extreme cold weather quite a number were out to hear her, and were unanimous in declaring they had been greatly benefited. The next meeting will be the first Saturday in February at the Y. C. M. A. at three o'clock.

Those of our readers who have just served on the Polk county jury during the December term, were Charles B. Woods of this city, W. H. Johnson of Chesterfield and L. Barbee of Carney, Iowa. They were all good honorable and respectable citizens, and reflected credit and not discredit as some former members of our race have done. We hope that hereafter among members of our race, who may be chosen as a juror will use his common sense and good judgment for your public actions reflect on the race.

WONDERFUL RESULTS ON SHORT NOTICE

I have used your Pomade. Its the best thing I ever used for making curly hair lie smooth. I have not finished my first bottle, but can see wonderful results, writes Mrs. Louise E. Hayes of Knoxville, S. C.

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At the initial meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Rush Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. S. Joe Brown; Vice Pres. Mrs. Chas. Cousin; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. McGruder; Ass't. Sec. Mrs. J. H. McClain; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Rush; Critic, Mrs. F. P. Johnson; Reporter, Mrs. Harvey Brown; Executive Committee, Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Miss Martha Loeffler, Mrs. O. L. Glass, Mrs. R. E. Patten and Mrs. J. W. Holmes.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, delegate to the Inter-State Literary meeting at Wichita, Kan., made a detailed report of the proceedings of that body and exhibited a photo of the mammoth chorus which dispersed such splendid music for the occasion.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the meeting with Mrs. F. P. Johnson, W. 10th and Park streets this afternoon.

Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Sunday was popular meeting day at the Young Colored Men's Christian Association and notwithstanding the fact that it was the coldest day Des Moines has experienced for many years, a fair sized audience was present and heard the splendid address by Police Judge Van Liew on the "Conservation of the Human Energies" in which he advocated the abolition of child labor and the establishment of public playgrounds in every community of the cities. Improvement club was present and made their final report on the "Benefit Supper" given by the "Y" several weeks ago from which the total sum reported was \$22.50.

On next Sunday at 4:30 p. m., the Rev. C. Elias Winston, who has been conducting a series of evangelistic services at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, will be present and deliver a special address to men and boys. Rev. Winston is a pleasing and entertaining talker, and it is hoped that every Negro man and boy in the city over forty years of age, will be present to hear him on the occasion.

Dr. A. J. Booker, who has been sick was taken worse last week and taken back to the Methodist hospital. At this time he is resting well, and expect to be at his office by Monday.

Notice to our Agents and Reporters.

We must again ask our news reporters everywhere to condense your articles. Do not comment, simply give the public the plain news and facts. Sign all articles; space is valuable. Our city clubs and literary societies must be brief. Please remember this!

Monday, New Year day, at home of bride, at 4 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Hannah Smith and Mr. John Taylor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. L. Griffith. Miss Eddie Williams played the wedding march. After which her sister Miss C. Howard served a lovely 4-course dinner with table decorations, with carnations. After dinner Mr. Lawrence Morgan rendered quite a few pieces in the evening. The happy couple will make Des Moines their home.

Jones-Lucas Dissolution.

The Jones-Lucas Undertaking establishment has dissolved partnership last week. Mr. Vivian L. Jones, buying out Mr. Lucas's interest, and he now owns it all. This is the first and only Colored Undertaker and Funeral directors in Iowa, and are glad to see it continue as Des Moines is certainly able to support one. In fact Burton, Keokuk and Davenport ought to have one. Mr. Jones is one of our best samples of an upright, energetic young man, and merits not only all the colored people's business but the best white people's trade. Let us encourage our colored men to enter the different business enterprises and our race will be more respected and appreciated.

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POLITICS.

Already one can see the revival of politicians. They begin to know you, speak, and some times stop to shake hands with you. After a sleep of two years indications point to the fact that it will be a long bitter political fight for the nomination in our City, School, and County, Congressional, State and National elections. They will all promise you anything to secure your support, and the colored voters in this city as well as all other cities and states should become so interested and united upon this one question regardless of political affiliations, who will give us a race a square deal. Will you appoint some good worthy colored man in your department. Will you not close the door of hope and opportunity against him, and Mr. colored voter, we ought to organize for our own welfare.

The Divorce Evil and its Remedy.

The American people today are facing one of the greatest foes of modern civilization, the divorce evil. The clergy is holding up its hands in horror at the condition of affairs in the material relations between husbands and wives. The courts are perplexed as to which method to adopt to curtail this evil. The lawmakers are spending much of their time in trying to find some method by which it can be checked. These men are honest in their conviction that something must be done, but they seem to be at a loss as to what should be done. If they would turn to the scriptures and read what Christ said concerning this, and make laws to conform to his teachings and these laws rigidly enforced, it could be greatly reduced. There should be no divorce except for reasons set forth in the scriptures. Christ on one occasion, when asked concerning the divorce law by the Jews, set forth the reasons for divorce in these words: Matt. 19:9; "Whoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication and shall marry another, committeth adultery. And who marryeth her that is put away, doth commit adultery. The reason is very plainly set forth in this passage of scripture, but we are more ready and willing to accept the precept, as given by Moses: Dent. 24:1. When a man hath taken a wife, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes because he hath found some uncleanness in her, let him write her a bill of divorce and give it in her hand and send her out of his house; and when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. Under the laws of Moses the Jews could divorce their wives for many causes, but Christ being the end of the law, gave one reason for divorce.

PROF. HAM NUPTIALS.

We received notice of the marriage of Prof. Jordan Ham of Mervin, Mo., to Mrs. Ida Watkins-Johnson. The marriage took place in Trenton, Mo., Dec. 30th. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony. The Groom is one of Missouri's products; he graduated from the Lincoln Institute, Jefferson, City, and taught school for more than twenty years, and for the last six or eight years, he has been on his mother's farm in Albany, Mo. She is quite well known here, being a sister to Mrs. John L. Thompson. They will live on the farm near Mervin, Mo.

Obituary.

SMITH LAID TO REST.

Last week we chronicled the death of Frank Smith, who, after several weeks sickness in Topeka, Kansas, where he was living. He passed away, Jan. 3, 1912. His remains were brought here for interment. Frank Ellsworth Smith was born in Bryan, Ohio, Oct. 21, 1873. Later he came to Ottumwa with his brother and sister. Later they moved to this city where he lived until he married Miss Effie Spears, of this city. They then moved to Topeka where he was employed by the Chicago Ry. Co., for the past fourteen years as chief cook. He leaves to mourn their great and sad loss, a loving wife, two sweet little children, Vasco, Franklin and Darrow, Elsworth, a sister, Miss Olive V. Smith of this city, Wm. Smith of Pierre, S. D., and a host of other kind friends. The funeral was held from the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spears, 1840, Des Moines, Sunday at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Father Cassidy, of the East Side, Episcopal church. He was a member of that denomination. Miss Marguerite Fields rendered two sections the pallbearers were John Walker, Douglass Miller, John L. Thompson, C. L. Brown, Henry Clay and Mr. Patterson. The remains were laid to rest in Glendale Cemetery.

GALEBURG, ILL.

The dedication of Allen Chapel took place Sunday, Dec. 17, 1911. The service for the entire day was unusually interesting and a large gathering was present at each service. The sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. D. E. Butler. As usual, the discourse by Rev. Butler held the audience spell bound until the close. The regular dedicatory services took place at 3 o'clock. The presentation of the church keys to the Bishop was by Mr. J. J. Brown. The dedicatory

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sermon by Bishop C. T. Shaffer, M. D., D. D., was a masterpiece and much enjoyed by the congregation. The singing was by the regular church choir. Christian Endeavor meeting began at 6:30 and lasted until 7:30 and was followed by the evening service. The sermon by Rev. H. S. Graves delighted the large audience. Among those who assisted the pastor, were Rev. T. Tyler, Rev. David Fales, Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Rev. W. W. Williams, pastor of Lincoln Memorial; Rev. I. N. Daniels, P. E.; Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E. Des Moines district; Rev. S. Van Pelt, Rev. W. A. Searcy of Monmouth. On Monday evening Bishop Shaffer delivered his famous lecture: "The Supreme Moment of Opportunity," after which he was tendered a reception by the members and friends. An interesting program was rendered. Mr. Isaac Greene, Sr.; passed away at his home Dec. 19, 1911. Following a brief illness of pneumonia Mr. Green was one of the oldest residents here and well known. He is survived by eight children and other relatives. Funeral services of a touching nature were held Thursday at Allen Chapel in charge of Rev. Tyler. Burial was in Linwood. Mr. and Mrs. John Ward entertained at dinner, Tuesday, in honor of Bishop Shaffer. Rev. Tyler, Rev. H. S. Graves of Evanston and Rev. Butler of Buxton. Mrs. Holmes of Moline attended the

dedicatory services Sunday. While here she was the guest of Mrs. John Bell. Mr. and Mrs. John Bell have returned to Chicago after a pleasant visit with relatives. Mrs. Nora Lewis has arrived from Ohio for a visit with her mother Mrs. Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Richardson entertained at dinner, Tuesday, Rev. W. W. Williams, Rev. S. B. Moore, Rev. H. S. Graves and Rev. D. E. Butler. Mrs. M. C. Malone has returned from a visit in Chicago and Aurora. Miss Daisy Gash has arrived from Denver to spend the winter with her parents. Rev. and Mrs. T. Tyler left Sunday for a visit in Chicago and points in Michigan. Mrs. Scott McGaw of Davenport is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Lyons. Miss Nettie Franklin spent New Year in Peoria. The Culture club met with Mrs. S. Thompson, Tuesday. Following the program dainty refreshments were served. Guests present were Miss Eva Carter and Prof. Harrison. Mrs. C. Bolter and Mrs. John Logan entertained at dinner Friday at the Bolter home. Out of town guests were Mr. and Miss Johnson of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Mason of Monmouth. One of the prettiest of the parties given during the holiday season occurred New Year's evening at the Improvement hall, when the Thimble Circle entertained about 120 guests. A short program was enjoyed including several readings by Prof. Richard Harrison. The hall was beautifully decorated. Refreshments were served in 4-courses. The guests departed at a late hour vowing the ladies royal hostesses. Miss Hazle Moseley entertained Thursday a company of fifteen young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson. Music and dancing furnished the amusement of the evening. Misses Flora and Helen Wilson entertained the same crowd Friday evening. Those present report a very pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Berry entertained at dinner Monday, the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Miss Stall of Kansas, Messrs. Jabine and Miss Vida Burns of St. David and Mr. and Mrs. Wash Berry. Miss Jeanette Lewis of Keawane has returned home after a pleasant visit with Miss Daisy Gash and Mrs. Alice Winston.



S. H. DUDLEY
The comedian who is the star with the **SMART SET** will be at the **BERCHEL THEATER** 4 days commencing **SUNDAY, JAN. 14TH.** He is an artist on the stage.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Frank Moore and son Carl of Okaloosa, were guests at the Wesley Moore home New Years Day. Frank brought his father a New Years dinner all ready to eat which pleased him greatly. Mrs. Fred Motta is home from Washington, D. C., after a three months visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Harry Parker with numerous friends. The A. M. E. S. S. had its Xmas exercises Christmas night, consisting of a nicely decorated and trimmed tree and recitations and music. A large crowd was in attendance and the evening was enjoyed by all present. The misses Nettie and Margaret Campbell gave a little surprise party on their cousin, Mr. Samuel Davis of Keokuk, Monday night which was a success in every way. Games and music were indulged in and a 3-course luncheon was served during the evening. All participants report a grand time. The misses Una and Pearl Ceicle are spending a few days visiting. All participants report a grand time. The misses and Una Pearl Ceicle are spending a few days visiting relatives at Fairfield. Rev. D. W. Brown and wife were in Fairfield last Sunday, the Rev. to conduct the quarterly meeting and the Mrs. to visit some friends and attend services. Next Sunday is quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, and the Presiding

Elder, I. N. Daniels is expected to be present to conduct the services. Miss Iota Phillips is spending her vacation with her father, the Rev. L. J. Phillips at Milwaukee, Wis. Walter Williams visited at Fairfield last Saturday. Howard Motta who is managing the Modern Shoe Shining parlor at Fairfield, spent New Years here. Samuel Hall has returned home from his visit at Moline and Rock Island. Samuel Davis, who was visiting at the Henry Campbell home has returned to Keokuk. The Men's Religion and Forward Movement of S. E. Iowa will hold a convention here next week, when about two hundred delegates are expected. The men of the A. M. E. church are prominent features on the several committees in furthering the cause and pushing the convention to success.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Mary Harris and children from Ogden has returned to Albia. Mrs. Nora Grayson, Burt Jones of Hit-man spent a few days at the parental H. Jones home. The Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Washington this week. A surprise and birthday party was given Jun. 6, 1912, at the home of Mr. Edward Butler for Mr. Edward Butler, Mr. Gordon of Hocking spent Sunday in Albia. Mr. Roy Grayson of Hocking was in Albia, Sunday.

S. H. DUDLEY, COMING.

The "Smart Set" Will Be Seen Four Days in Des Moines.

Once more the colored entertainer has an opportunity to shine as a public performer and under favorable conditions too. This season S. H. Dudley, recognized as the funmaker of his race and headed by the famous "Smart Set" Company is coming to Des Moines and this is an event in itself. This band of genuine disturbers of gloom are slated to appear at the Berchel Theater four days beginning Sunday, Jan. 14, with Sunday and Wednesday Matinees, in the latest musical comedy success "Doctor Beans of Boston." The attractiveness of a scheming, and conniving dandy vagabond who poses as a physician and scientist of renown forms the basis of the humor. The scenes are all laid at Buckroe Beach, a watering place in Virginia and the atmosphere of the "Sunny South" is faithfully retained. It is a production, which, in addition to being pretentious, is brimful of original features, bright and sparkling music and "bits" certain to send dull care a flying. The piece is the joint achievement to Henry Troy, Mr. Dudley, Will H. Vodrey and Henry Creamer. The quartette, from all accounts, have performed yeoman work and the engagement should be most prosperous. The cast includes; Arthur Talbot, Daisy Martin, James Burris, Henry Troy, William Ramsey, Alberta Ormes, Frank De Lyons, Jesse Harris, Arthur Wilson and Madame Flower, known as "The Bronze Melba."

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Card of Thanks.

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AFRO-AMERICAN COLLINGS

There are grave indictments made against negro editors week after week for improper articles published in their papers. Many of them have not stopped at "bullyragging" and nagging each other with words both shameful and disgraceful to use, but they have gone forth with their vulgarly upon their brother in white. White people can stand plain truth and honest discussion that carries sentiment with it. But whenever a negro pours out a bottle of vulgarity and vituperation upon the white man, he must look for judgment and a hail storm falling from somewhere.

The reason we love Charleston so much, is because it has some of the most liberal and conservative white people that God has ever permitted to live in a city. We have seen articles published in little sheets, here and there in this city, against the best intentions and efforts of the white people, in interest of the negro, that had the same been published in other cities, the negro who did the writing could not have escaped the jail and penitentiary on a charge of criminal libel and general disturbance between whites and blacks.

While the Messenger's staff is composed of both white and colored writers, the editor-in-chief has watched with the eye of an eagle to see that nothing goes into its columns untrue or reflecting upon any individual. The plain truth told, out to the bone, and we advise our colored contemporaries to find facts and subjects that are full of discussion and give the general news as it is, or go out of business. The average foolish negro editor doesn't believe his paper will be sold unless he is slandering some one, whose shoe latches he is not worthy to stoop down and fasten. Such papers only live for a time, they sink themselves and those who publish them into oblivion.

If the negro intends to live in this country side by side with the white man, he has got to make up his mind that, regardless to what the white man does, he has got to obey the laws and be a gentleman, and such negroes will get all that is coming to them in the way of protection as American citizens at the hand of the powers that be.—Charleston Messenger.

For years the various religious sects among the negro race have gathered thousands of dollars for foreign missions, and from authentic records they have made very little headway in the foreign work. The foreign missionary work is beneficial and should be extended, but some accurate system should be applied to the work so as to bring better results.

We have a great mission in America that needs all the time of missionaries; and that is home missionary.

In some sections of civilized United States, there are people who are greatly in need of the great work. The Afro-American missionaries should carry on their home missions until every ignorant being would relize the existence of the Great Lord, perfect their morality, which are dominant portals of civilization.

Go into the dense settlements of our people, dwelling largely in the southern states; go into the slums and alleys and commit your mission to the perishing; then when you have straightened out domestic affairs, extend the work throughout the world wherever there is man to be found.—Palestine Plaindealer.

The problem of furnishing employment for negro boys and girls who are preparing themselves for efficient service, recently came home to a certain ministerial friend of ours. The problem was regarded as one of sufficient importance for him to mention it in a sermon and to urge his congregation to unite their efforts to the end that their boys and girls might have a job after they have finished their schooling. "My boys," he said, "grew up and played with the white boys of the community, each went to his own school, each went off to his own college, finished up and returned home. Jobs were waiting for the white boys—there was nothing for my boys to do." The problem, you see, after looking vaguely in the distance, had finally invaded his neighborhood—his street—his home! It is seen then that the man who, by his words and actions is doing anything towards making this problem less acute, is in reality a leader and benefactor of the race.—Dallas Express.

When congress was assembling at its opening in December, Speaker Clark was heard to say: "I wonder where he is? The old regular. He must be dead!" The speaker was referring to an old colored man who has occupied a place near the great clock at the opening session of every congress for the past sixteen years. His absence brought out the foregoing expressions from the speaker.

The great ideas in the labor and trades question will turn some day and the negro will have a chance. Continue to educate your sons and daughters in the trades. The way will come day open to the patients.

Liberia must first cultivate the minds of her savage subjects before she can build up the physical condition of the country. Prepare the great illiterate mass to take part in the affairs of the country. Education will create the interest.

It is strange that some of our young men will give three and four dollars on getting a good supply of liquor, or anything for visiting methods, and will not give five cents towards helping themselves acquire something of use.

No one can read the census figures which have recently been published without being forced to the conclusion that the negro race is not increasing so fast in numbers as is feasible, no so many years ago. We make this statement disregarding the fact that we know mistakes have been made and many negroes in the southern states especially have not been counted.

Our own doctors are almost unanimous in the opinion that in the large cities of the north the death rate of the negro race is much larger than is true of the white race, and but for the immigration from the south the negro would soon cease to appear in large numbers in northern cities.

The death rate in the large cities of the south is too large. All this indicates a "bugle call to duty" on the part of the negro minister, negro teacher and other leaders. They should not mince words but should get right down to business, in the pulpit, in the schoolroom and everywhere, and teach our people how to live and how to keep themselves clean, how to protect their bodies from cold, how to get plenty of good air and clothes, and how to secure and eat good, fresh food.

If we do not give immediate attention to the health of the negro the end of the next decade will show a serious condition of affairs. No amount of time and money spent in yelling for the "freedom" and rights of the negro can help him much unless he has a strong, vigorous body.—New York Age.

The question of increasing land-lordism in Texas and the south generally is causing reflection and comment in various quarters. Farm and Ranch has been making some investigations into the subject, and the findings are somewhat surprising. Its representative in that work says:

1. Landlordism spreads in Texas by three chief means: (a) Individual farmers buying more lands adjacent to their property; (b) creditors (town merchants usually) foreclosing mortgages on owners' farms; (c) owners moving their families into towns.

2. In the last ten years the rate of white tenant increase over black tenant increase has been 350 per cent.

3. Negro tenants, renting as a rule lands worth less than half as much as lands rented by white tenants in 1900 produced per acre on improved land \$11.96 worth of crops, while white tenants the same year produced crops worth only \$10.42 per acre.

4. The negro tenant is following the white owner to the town and city.

5. The white tenant, who is gaining the field, is not one whit better off, economically, under present cropping systems, than the negro, while he is much the financial inferior of the landlord.

From the foregoing it will be seen that though given the poorest sort of land to work, the colored brother has been getting the best results both for himself and for the landlord. That item about the increase of white tenants over negro tenants by 350 per cent is significant and shows that the Old Hickory is found here somewhere.—

It seems as but a vision passing briefly, since a new year greeted earth and man to reign its unit and record the diversified incidents of man, civilization, progress and invention. Like a rolling ball of perpetual motion, Mother Earth records fading time annum after annum, and man after man disappears in its fathomless mists.

Vegetation springs and decays, mountains change their magnitude by erosion; streams wander from their original courses, for which many years are consumed, but the "Grim Usurper," Time, reigns, numbered by the years.

On man's countenance shines childhood, his advent to deal with worldly things, and as but a dream these joyous days pass, and ere many years his hair is hoary, and he has spent a life time; now ready for his final resting place; yet the ages of time retain their original pose and mock at the fading of humanity to the unknowns.

Let each being make the best of life. Let it be exemplary of all that is good, and when time marks your passing let the unknown future be in the promised heaven.—Palestine Plaindealer.

If all men could look each other in the face and say they attend to their own affairs and let others alone, and would be telling the truth much trouble could be prevented among us.

Ye teachers of "Support Race Enterprise" go forth into all the world and show the people that you are practicing your doctrine. Wouldn't there be a great shortage?—Ex.

No bishop should remain longer than two terms of four years each in the same conferences.—Star of Zion.

We despise the very thought of a man insulting a woman.—Charleston Messenger.

John Jackson made it publicly announced that he would retire from the ring. He asserted the following: "You can announce my definite retirement," said the fighter. "I never again will enter the ring, even if I find myself working for ten dollars a week."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH

Sentiment Favoring Better Facilities in the Increase.

STATE'S PART IN EDUCATION

GROWTH OF PRAIRIE VIEW NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE LARGELY DUE TO THE INFLUENCE AND WISE MANAGEMENT OF PROFESSOR E. L. BLACKSHEAR—TEXAS GIVES LIBERAL AID.

Prairie View, Tex.—Whatever one might say of the disposition of the south toward negro education, it must be admitted that in recent years sentiment has gradually changed in favor of giving to the children of the race a better chance to improve their condition. Practically every southern state makes some provision for education beyond that afforded in the public schools. Tennessee is the latest state to make such provision; the last legislature providing handsomely for the commencement of the state normal school in Nashville.

In Texas, where more than in any other state the colored people have taken advantage of the opportunities offered and have begun to make records for themselves, the state has been very liberal. In his recent trip through Texas, Dr. Booker T. Washington repeatedly called attention to the matter of providing educational facilities. Texas leads all other states, and there are more colored high schools in Texas than in all other southern states combined.

The Prairie View State Normal college has been in existence since 1879. It was established primarily for the training of colored teachers. Later under the Twenty-sixth legislature the name was changed to the Prairie View Normal and Industrial college and placed under the supervision of the board of directors of the A. and M. college. Its work is conducted practically along the same lines, with the possible exception of the fact that more pronounced industrial work is done.

Prairie View is best known to the public by reason of the fact that Professor E. D. Blackshear, a well known educator and leader, has been its head for 16 years, and that much of its real and substantial growth is due to his wise and efficient management. While the Texas school under the management of Professor Blackshear has done good work and has made its influence felt, all over the southland there is no getting around the fact that it would have done much better work, borne much better fruit, have been able to do more real and substantial good with a more commensurate appropriation. None of the schools in the south get what they deserve or what they need when the work they are expected to do is taken into account.

The same may be said of all the state schools, whether for white or black. In the first place, the legislatures are not always made up of men to whom the needs of the young people so far as an education is concerned are paramount. Then, again, the state treasuries are not always in condition to take care of the needs of those institutions for a future period. The best that can be done frequently is to take care of the growth that has taken place instead of making provisions for the future. For example, time was when appropriations were made for the usual accommodation of 350 or perhaps 500 students. Suddenly, in face of this provision, which was then adequate, the student body suddenly jumped to about 800, due to an educational awakening that spread throughout the south among the colored people. Churches, fraternal organizations and newspapers were crying out the need of education, and the response in the increased enrollment that taxed facilities in all the colored schools was startling.

The appropriations by the recent legislature seek to remedy that situation within the next few months, and a new mess hall, capable of accommodating a thousand students, with an assembly hall above, is now being planned by Professor Terrell, the head of the mechanical department. This new dormitory for girls will also be erected during the year, which will relieve the overcrowded condition. That students are willing to come to an institution and suffer overcrowded conditions means much of a tribute to the work done.

The need, however, in Texas is greater than in any other state in the Union. While there are church schools and private schools in nearly every important center in Texas, the students are crowded into them also, and there is no other state school in the country that has a larger or better appearing set of students. Good work is done in spite of the congested conditions, and the class of equipment that most of our schools have to put up with. It must be borne in mind that state schools are handicapped often with the burden of the state name—that is to say, that an institution owned and controlled by the state cannot so readily receive aid from the generous public as other schools, the presumption being that the state is amply able to maintain them, whether it be so or not.

INFORMED.

Small Brother—Are you going to marry Sister Ruth?

Caller—Why—really don't know, you know!

Small Brother—That's what I thought. Well, you are.—Life.

James—Is it necessary for you to send your daughter to Europe to complete her musical education?

Brown—Yes, I can't stand the infernal racket here any longer.—Fort and Ocean.

PLEA FOR NEGRO HISTORY

ALAIINE LE ROY LOCKE AD DRESSES NEGRO SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Under the auspices of the Negro Society for Historical research at Yonkers, Alain Le Roy Locke, of Philadelphia, ex-Rhodes scholar from Pennsylvania to Oxford during 1907-10, and a present student at Berlin university, where he is studying for the degree of Ph. D., read a paper on "The Negro and a Race Tradition." Mr. Locke is visiting his mother in Philadelphia and will be in this country until January. The meeting was held at the home of J. E. Bruce, of Sunny Slope Cottage, and was largely attended by local and out-of-town guests. A general musical program was arranged, which was followed by an inspection of the society's archives and mementoes. Several presentations were made, chief among them being an early engraving of Van Dyke's portrait of Jacobus Capatene, the negro graduate of the University of Leyden, in the early seventeenth century.

Mr. Locke's paper was a discussion of the aim of a negro historical society. The speaker made a reasoned plea for a consistent and thorough-going racial propaganda along historical lines, believing it to be the sanest way of giving content and dignity to all organizations. The American negro, he believed, faces a difficult historical dilemma, and can only solve it through a voluntary adoption and reconstruction of his own tradition. The lasting injury of the slave regime, indeed, of his whole history in the country, has been to degrade his past and deprive him of his racial affiliations, in re-education himself, at least in his own estimation, for the most vital of negro problems is the problem of self-respect and corporate pride. Effective and necessary as this self-respect and corporate pride is to the negro for his practical progress in the country, a development of that pride and self-respect in intellectual and spiritual matters would not only react favorably upon his social condition in this country, but anticipate his ultimate solution of his own problem and make it easier to live meanwhile under conditions as they are. The best real way to fight unfair distinction and discriminations is to begin to set up standards and contrasts of one's own, to replace and redeem the distinctions forced upon the race. The speaker was further of the opinion that nothing short of a racial consciousness stretching out beyond mere American boundaries would satisfy the ultimate mental and spiritual needs of the negro in this country.

EDUCATED COLORED GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE

HUNGRY, DESTITUTE—"NO PLACE TO LAY HER HEAD," THE CAUSE OF ACT.

Jackson, Mich.—One of the most pathetic cases of suicide on record is that of Miss Lena Brooks (colored), who dropped dead from effects of poisoning in a local drug store November 15. A letter left by the young woman, who was pretty, well educated and well dressed, has just been found. It says: "Have no money, and oh, Anna, you don't know what it means for darkness to close down over the city and you have no place to lie your head."

"They have ordered me to get out of a store, where I went just to get warm, they also told me to get out of the public library, Michigan Central depot and the M. U. R. waiting room."

"Now, remember, dearest, I just went into those to get warm. It seemed as if my very blood was lead. I presume I looked so forlorn, that is why they put me out."

The letter goes on to tell that she has been out of work for a long time, and that no one would have her in Jackson. She also told how she enjoyed herself in the public library, and how she enjoyed reading Booker T. Washington's works. She also said that she intended to take her life.

From other sources it was learned that Miss Brooks found it difficult to obtain employment in keeping with her education and refinement because of prejudice and that she finally became disgusted with the world.

CAN YOU TELL?

When the English tongue we speak Why is "break" not rhymed with "freak?"

Will you tell me why it's true We say "sew," but likewise "few;" And the fashioner of verse Cannot cap his "horse" with "worser?" "Beard" sounds not the same as "heard;"

"Cord" is different from "word;" "Cov" is cow, but "low" is low; Think of "hose" and "dose" and "lose."

And of "goose" and also "choose." Think of "comb" and "tomb" and "bomb."

"Doll" and "roll" and "home" and "some;" And since "pay" is rhymed with "say,"

Why not "paid" and "said," I pray? We have "blood" and "food" and "good;"

"Mould" is not pronounced like "could," Wherefore "done" but "gone" and "lone?"

Is there any reason known? —Pittsburg Dispatch.

HE WAS NOT ALWAYS THUS.

"Madam" remarked the weary father with the handaged eye, "I was not always as you see me now."

"I know it," replied the stern-visaged woman at the back door. "The last time you were here you had on a neat and dandy sign."—Puck.

Willie—Did the doctor make you take nasty medicine when you were sick?

Freddie—No; it was f-ther who made me take it.—Puck.

COLORED BISHOPS

Dr. Ernest Lyon Issues Pamphlet Urging Colored Officers for Colored Congregation in M. E. Church.

NATIONAL ANTI-PATHY

PROF. MASON A. HAWKINS SAYS SELFISH RACE ANTI-PATHY MUST NOT BE TOLERATED.

Baltimore, Md.—Dr. Ernest Lyon, former American minister to Liberia, has published a pamphlet dealing with the question of autonomy or segregation for the colored membership of the M. E. church, in which he says: "We have been in the church over two-score years, reckoning from the close of the Civil war. What have we been doing all this time? In some school, some say, undergoing training. Well that is a good and noble thing, but when will be graduation day? Will there ever be a commencement day? Such a day is always inspiring to parents as well as to professors and pupils. Is there none worthy among the 300,000 pupils in training since 1850? Why is it that we have no commencement?"

Has it been the fault of the instructors of the pupils? Christendom is interested in the answer. Somebody is responsible for results. Either the instructors have failed to instruct or the pupils have been incapable of receiving instruction. In either case it is a reflection on all parties concerned.

In my judgment anything is best that will throw us on our own resources; that will enable us to stand upon our own feet; that will enable us to act and to plan for ourselves as other independent denominations—any condition that will develop race consciousness, self reliance and self dependence. Whether that be autonomy or segregation, it would seem to make very little difference, provided it brought about the desired result. Personally I would prefer autonomy to segregation.

By autonomy I mean the plan suggested by the late Bishop Foster—to wit, that we remain exactly as we are in the mother church, but governing ourselves instead of being governed by the whites; that where we now have annual conferences presided over by white bishops they be presided over by colored bishops who meet with the white bishops in their semi-annual gathering to plan for the work among both white and colored people; that we have a school union. Epworth league, Freed-missionary, church extension, Sunday men's aid, and other connective societies of our own, conducted exactly like the present ones, with the exception that, instead of white secretaries, as we now have, they be colored secretaries. This arrangement would give us full pledged secretaries instead of the agents, as now.

This arrangement would open up opportunities for development of the race, would quicken its aspirations and give it an impetus that, would be magical in its consequences. Surely no colored man who has the interest of his race at heart would object to a plan that had in it larger opportunities for us. What just reason can be given for not wanting such a plan? As to the matter of elections, he would act singly and alone, voting in his own convention for men selected for leaders, according to his own preference and not, as now constituted.

AGAINST TIPPING EVIL

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL WORKERS' UNION DECLARES FOR "LIVING WAGES."

New York.—A campaign against the tipping evil is to be the chief work of the newly organized International Hotel Workers union. The union's platform declared for "a living wage for hotel workers," which would render the unnecessary.

"The tipping evil is a relic of patriarchal times," declares a statement by President Paul Vebing. He scoffs at the idea that waiters can make fortunes these times, and scores the heavy fines levied by employers on their men. Then he explains the perils of hotel employment. Hotel workers, he says, are more prone to disease than any other workmen except miners. He attributes this condition to the fact that many of them work in overheated rooms, in a smoke-laden and often "alcohol-saturated" atmosphere. Shorter hours will help alleviate these conditions, he declares, and he advocates a twelve-hour work-day, with one day off each week. Shorter hours of employment and better pay is the solution of the tipping evil, he says.

WHITES LEAD IN CRIME.

Greensboro, N. C.—During the month of November warrants were issued from the police department for seven more white people than negroes, this result being an unusual one, and being regarded with interest by those connected with the police department. The total number of warrants issued was 155, 81 of whom were white people and 74 negroes, 9 of the latter being negro women.

Six of the warrants for white people have not yet been served, but of those served 65 have been convicted in the municipal court, the remaining number either being found not guilty or the cases against them nolle prossed. Three of the warrants for negroes have not yet been served. Forty-nine negroes have been convicted, leaving a remainder nolle prossed or found not guilty. Five of the warrants against negro women were nolle prossed or the defendants found not guilty. Three of the negroes have not been tried.

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SAYS HE HAS ORIGINAL

NEGRO WHO CLAIMS OWNERSHIP OF WILMINGTON WILL FIGHT CASE.

Wilmington, N. C.—Special.—Fred McKenzie, colored, better known in Wilmington as Fred Davis, has laid claim to the realty upon which practically the entire business district is located and embraces also a portion of the residential section in the northern part of the city. McKenzie would be able to prove his claim in a court of law and the property or its equivalent which is not probable, he would probably be the wealthiest negro in the country.

McKenzie has asked the aid of Governor Kitchener and other state officials in his effort to recover the property which he alleges was willed to his ancestors back in the colonial days. The property which he alleges belongs to him and his relatives begins at a point on the Cape Fear river at the foot Market street, runs north up the river to a point some distance north of the seaboard track, thence south to Market street and west down Market street 150 poles to the point of beginning.

His story goes back to the colonial days and according to his statement the property, as far back as he has been able to trace it, was first owned by Mr. Marsden Campbell of New Hanover county. On the death of Mr. Campbell it went to his heirs, James G. Campbell, Marsden Campbell, Jr., Hugh Y. Waddell and wife, John Marsden Waddell and William Campbell. It was finally acquired by the last named, William Campbell, who later left this state for Louisiana. On leaving the state Mr. Campbell desired to leave his property to Moses Davis, a slave, but as the laws of North Carolina prohibited a slave from holding property, he was forced to leave it in the hands of a number of trustees, these being Messrs. T. C. Miller, Fred D. Lord, Thomas D. Meares, William A. Wright, Joshua Wright and the town of Wilmington. At that time the town of Wilmington did not cover any of the property owned by Mr. Campbell.

On the death of Moses Davis, McKenzie claims, the property went to his daughter, Lucy Davis, who married a negro named McKenzie. She soon left McKenzie, however, but not until after she had borne him children. Her first child was Fred McKenzie or Fred Davis. He was the father of a second Fred Davis, who in turn had a son named Fred Davis, or Fred McKenzie, the present claimant to the land. McKenzie claims to have the original deed of trust, in which the land is left to the trustees to hold for Moses Davis. This, he says, is in Washington just at present, but he says there is a certified copy in the city. He also has several other legal papers bearing on the matter. He is now awaiting a letter from the governor and other state officials, whom he expects will look into the matter for him. He seems confident that the land upon which a great part of the city of Wilmington is located rightfully belongs to him.—Charlotte Observer.

FORM STATE ASSOCIATION

COLORED BUSINESS MEN OF OHIO ORGANIZE—WELCOME T. BLUE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Cleveland, O.—A meeting of about 75 colored business men from every section of Ohio was held in Columbus at the Lincoln Ohio Industrial school. After talks by several of the delegates, an organization was formed to be known as the Colored Business Men's Association of Ohio.

The following officers were chosen: President, Welcome T. Blue, Cleveland; vice-president, B. F. Stewart, Norwalk; J. H. Finley, Dayton, Alfred C. Alfred, Marietta, and G. A. Morgan of Cleveland; secretary, Leroy Godman, Columbus; corresponding secretary, James M. French, Sandusky; treasurer, D. C. Fisher, Lorain; executive committee, P. W. Chavers, E. A. Shanklin, Thomas Williams and Wheeler Brooks, Columbus; Edward Peterson, Uhrichsville; John Williams and Henry Tuck, Oberlin.

The organization was perfected through the efforts of Welcome T. Blue, a prominent real estate dealer of Cleveland. The object of the association is to encourage thrift and industry among colored people. Meetings will be held annually on the third Monday in August.

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BIG POULTRY SHOW

Birds Are Entered From Nine States In Local Exhibition

PONY SHOW IN CONNECTION

Strong Pressure At Work to Take the Next Annual Exhibit Away From Des Moines—Waterloo and Sioux City Making Bids.

Des Moines, Jan. 11.—The Iowa State Poultry and Pet Stock association's annual exhibit this year has for the first time taken a national aspect, according to E. L. Beck, secretary of the association. For the first time in the history of the association, shipments of exhibits for the show are being received from other sections of the country.

At least nine states will be represented in the exhibit, in addition to Iowa. Exhibits have been received from West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, New York state and New Hampshire. An exhibit of poultry worth \$300 was received from Derry, N. H. Another exhibit was received from Buffalo, N. Y.

There will be 2,400 birds on exhibition at the show which opens at the Coliseum building tomorrow morning, according to Mr. Beck. This is equal to the size of the Chicago show this year and twice the size of any poultry show east of Chicago.

A feature among the pet stock exhibits will be the pony show to be conducted in connection with the poultry exhibits. It is expected that forty ponies will be on exhibition.

PROMOTE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Iowa Beef Cattle Producers Association Incorporate for Purpose of Promoting Stock Raising.

Des Moines, Jan. 11.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state yesterday by the Iowa Beef Cattle Producers' association, which will establish headquarters in Des Moines. The corporation is to further the interests of the cattle industry in Iowa. The incorporation will secure an appropriation of \$7,500 made by the last general assembly for the purpose of promoting the cattle raising industry.

The incorporators are Charles Escher, Jr., of Botna, G. H. Burge and Prof. W. J. Kennedy of Ames.

IOWA MILLERS' CLUB MEETS

Annual Convention Will Be Held in Des Moines on January 16 According to Program.

Des Moines, Jan. 11.—The annual convention of the Iowa Millers' club will be held at the Chamberlain hotel, January 16 and 17, according to the announcement made today by E. F. Consigny of this city, who is secretary. Mr. Consigny is in charge of the local arrangements and is arranging an interesting program. Don. M. Stearns of Humboldt is president of the organization.

FATHER OF FIFTEEN IS DEAD

Prominent Iowa Mason Drops Dead at His Home in Anita, Leaving Large Family of Children.

Anita, Jan. 11.—C. B. Dorsey, 62 years old, local representative of the Bloomer Ice & Cold Storage company of Council Bluffs, dropped dead at his home in Anita this morning. He leaves a wife and fifteen living children, eight boys and seven girls. He was in apparently good health, having been at his office all day. He was a member of Obediencelodge, A. F. and A. M.

Was Almost Electrocuted.

Monticello, Jan. 11.—E. W. Harrison of Anamosa had a narrow escape from electrocution when a telephone wire fell across the electric light wires attached to the lighting system in the Harrison residence. When Mr. Harrison attempted to turn on a light he received a shock, in falling he luckily tore the fixture loose.

Sails for Mission Field.

Iowa Falls, Jan. 11.—From the port of New York tomorrow will sail Clinton Morris of this county, who goes to India as a missionary of the Friends' church. He will be located at Nowgone, Bundel-Kahnd, where the church has maintained a mission for twenty years.

Joint Meeting At Manson.

Lake City, Jan. 11.—The county superintendents of Calhoun, Pocahontas and Webster counties will hold a joint teachers' meeting at Manson, Jan. 20. Many of the most prominent educators of these counties have places on the program.

Cement Men Attend Meeting.

Sioux City, Jan. 11.—Many delegates are here for the eighth annual convention of the Iowa Association of Cement Users, which opened last night. A show depicting the progress of the cement industry is being held in connection with the convention.

Senator Kenyon Will Speak.

Marshalltown, Jan. 11.—Senator W. S. Kenyon will deliver an address here January 14 in the interest of the Men

The Farm

WHAT IS GOOD SOIL.

"I am often asked," remarked Uncle Parker, "What do you mean when you say, 'Use good garden soil?' What is it and what is not it? Good garden soil is largely a question of moisture, composition, air position and position.

"First comes drainage, either natural or artificial. Moisture is a necessity, but standing water is a danger. It must be provided an outlet. Provide moisture at the bed of the seed or the feeding roots of the plant by allowing a close position of the small particles of matter, prevent the escape of this moisture by breaking the close portion of each particle of soil near the surface. This stirring destroys the capillary attraction and the pumping of moisture into the air nearby ceases.

"Secondly, good garden soil must have a condition that air will be allowed to circulate in it. Enough to feed oxygen to the bacteria that need it in preparing the soup plants use. Carbon is absorbed largely through the leaf, but the root demands its share.

"The composition of soil is based largely on the rock from which it was made. If leachy it must be amended. If it will cling enough to slowly crumble when pressed and released its sand composition is a detriment provided there is plenty of humus. The clay soil to be good must have been amended until it is provided with an abundance of humus. It too, should slowly crumble when released after being pressed. Silt the same.

"Good garden soil must be fine, filled with humus of the same kind in the depth of a fork or spade, dark in color and sweet. If your garden will not bear the test on every square foot, this fall is the time to amend the poor parts. Put into condition this fall. The frost will aid."

American Producer.

HOW TO CURE HAMS.

The methods of curing hams are as follows: Trim them neatly and make a brine strong enough to float a fresh egg. Put them in this and let them remain four or five days to draw all blood. Then take them out and boll and skim the brine and when cold return them to the brine, adding enough fresh brine to cover them, and then add for each 100 pounds of ham a pint of black molasses and an ounce of saltpeter, and let the hams remain in the brine two or three weeks. Then take them out and hang and smoke well with hickory wood or corn cobs and smother with green cedar brush. When well smoked, take them down and paint them all over with a thick mixture of black molasses and black pepper. Wrap in stout brown paper and put each in a cotton sack and dip it in lime wash and hang it in a dark smoke-house. The hams will improve till a year old.

I treat shoulders in the same way, and sides, except that the sides remain in the brine half the time the hams do. Jowls treated in this way are fine for boiling with turnip greens in the spring.—W. F. Massey, in The Progressive Farmer.

CARE OF THE BROOD SOW.

The matter of exercise with the brood sows is too often neglected. Without philosophizing and giving the reasons why, I will say that it is absolutely necessary. To neglect the exercise is to endanger the chances of success with the spring pigs. It is by far better to compel the sows to go a considerable distance for their food, twice per day, than to treat to moderately warm weather to encourage them to stir out and exercise of their own will. They will be dead of time in the nest, not exercise enough to insure a good circulation of blood, the whole system becomes sluggish and they are unable to transmit life and vigor enough to the pigs to enable them to live and get a start in life.—Michigan Farmer.

A RULE FOR FEEDING COWS.

"The experiment station method is to feed as many pounds of grain per day to each cow as she produces pounds of butter fat per week, or one-fourth to one-third as much grain as she gives pounds of milk daily. No two cows can be fed exactly alike; each must receive individual attention, according to her requirements. A general grain mixture may be used, however, which will meet the needs of most of the cows in the herd. The amount of this mixture to be given may then be varied according to the production of the cow. High producers need more protein amounts of milk and butter fat. The amount of feed used by cows depends upon their body weight, larger cows requiring more feed for maintenance.

WINTER FEEDING OF TEAMS.

How to feed the team most economically, especially when there is no work for them, is a good deal of a problem. If there is any place where wheat or oat straw can be economically fed it is to this team to supply a part of the filling and fiber. This, with well-made clover hay and corn or timothy hay and oats, will keep them in good condition and maintain their muscles. It has been found economical to have the grain finely ground for horses

SOMETHING TO TAKE THE PLACE OF COTTON.

There is no part of the country where corn can be grown more successfully than in the South.

There is no section that can compete with the South in the production of winter crops.

There is no section of the country that can compete with the South in the production of crops for hogs to gather for themselves and thus to raise cheap pork.

There is no section of the country that can compete with the South in the production of forage from legume crops and grasses, and there is more future in hogs and cattle and dairy productions than in black-eye peas and lima beans as field crops.

If you are really compelled to drop the cotton crop, simply go to farming as farmers do elsewhere. Adopt a good rotation of crops. Grow corn with peas among it, then oats followed by peas and hay. Then oats again on the pea stubble with liberal applications of acid phosphate or Thomas phosphate. Follow with peas again, and sow crimson clover or vetch on the pea stubble and manure with the stover and the pea hay and turn all over in the spring for corn and then repeat the rotation, and my word for it, you will soon get into shape to not miss the cotton. You will have forage and grain for cattle and hogs. Then you can lay off a series of say, four lots and fence them and on these keep up a constant succession of crops for hogs to gather like rape, crimson clover, cowpeas, sweet potatoes, etc., that will carry the hogs through winter and summer till time to fatten on corn. There is not the slightest need for hunting up strange crops, but simply to farm well with the regular farm crops.

But if I were farming in the weevil-infested sections, I would certainly make a strong fight before giving up cotton as part of a good farm rotation.—Prof. W. F. Massey, in The Progressive Farmer.

CATARRH IN COWS.

Nasal catarrh is an inflammation of the mucous membranes of the nostrils and upper air passages. Simple catarrh is not a serious disease itself, but if neglected is liable to be complicated with diseases of the respiratory organs, which are of serious nature, and sometimes fatal.

Catarrh is a common disease among cows. It is often due to sudden exposure to wet and cold after they have been accustomed to shelter. It may arise from inhalation of irritating gases. It is sometimes due to certain specific atmospheric conditions, and may assume an enzootic form. It is very debilitating, and requires prompt and judicious treatment.

The animals should be housed in a well-ventilated place, with good hygienic surroundings. In cold and damp weather it should be kept warm with blankets.

If the fever is high, this may be reduced by giving nitrate of potassium from one to two ounces, in the drinking water, three times daily. Diffusible stimulants are beneficial in most cases. Too much importance cannot be attached to good nursing.—Journal of Agriculture.

WHAT THE ROBIN IS WORTH.

What is a robin worth to a fruit-grower? asks the Industrialist. The answer to this question depends upon two things. First, as to whether the person concerned is a grower of large or small fruit; second, the amount of fruit grown. To a gardener or grower of large fruits the robin is a useful bird. Very early in the spring it may be seen at work patrolling garden and field for grubs and other insects. It arrests the destructive work of these pests and gets its board free.

The robin has no consideration for eight-hour laws. It puts in full time, from daylight until dark. Of course, it does not go out and get a cutworm, just because a cutworm damages things. It gets the worm because it, the bird, needs it. The robin eats other destructive members of the caterpillar family. The June bug forms a large part of its menu. While the robin eats a large amount of fruit, nearly one-half of this fruit is wild. What it takes of man's cultivation is comparatively small. The robin comes early in the spring and stays until late in the fall. These things considered, it has a definite worth to the farmers.

INDIGESTION IN HORSES.

A good ration for a horse that is troubled with indigestion is mixed as follows: Ground oats and corn, 5 pounds each; 4 ounces of oil meal, 2 ounces of salt, a dessertspoonful of powdered gentian and a small teaspoonful of dried sulphate of iron. If the animal refuses the ration, a little starvation will make him taste it, when the diastase will cease. Begin with a small quantity of this ration for each meal and increases gradually until a full ration is being fed. As the cold weather comes on horses that have been overworked often fall in condition and need special attention to build them up again.—Field and Farm.

EXPLAINED.

"Was a case of love at first sight?"

"No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an actress."—Judge.

POETRY

of and by Our People

COMRADES OF THE ROAD.

Only a little way
Our roads together run,
Just for a brief sweet day
Beneath the sun.

Only a little while
For you to ease my load
While I your cares beguile
Along the road.

Just for a Summer day
Until the twilight fall,
Not as two lovers, nay,
Comrades—that's all!

When the Sun's glowing heart
Thrills like a rose on fire,
We will clasp hands and part
Least ether there!

Clasp hands, press lips, cling close
One mad sweet moment, so!
Then each a twilight path
Lonely must go.

Clasp hands, press lips, cling close,
Then, if you will, forget
That comrades of the road,
We ever met!

—Winifred Sutcliffe Greaves, in The Academy, London.

IN THE STREETS.

Boy, my boy, it is lonely in the city,
Days that have no pity and the nights
without a tear
Follow me too slowly and I can no more
dissemble.
I am frightened and I tremble—and
would that you were here.
O boy—God keep you!

Boy, my boy, I had sworn to weep no
longer.
Time I thought was stronger than the
whispers long gone by.
The advent looks, the eager words,
the little love and hurried—
But they all come back unburied and
not one of them will die.
O boy—God save you!

Boy, my boy—you were glad with youth
and power,
Your joy was like a flower that you
wore upon your sleeve;
And wherever you may go there'll be a
girl with eyes that glisten,
a girl to wait and listen—and a girl
for you to leave.
O boy—God help her!
—Louis Untermyer.

SUPPOSITION.

Did ever a flower, I'd like to know,
Decide it was hardly worth while to
grow?
Did ever a fern, with its fronds out-
spread,
Bemoan they were not lily bells instead?

Did ever a forget-me-not tire of blue,
And long for a gown of another hue?
Or catkin aspire to a perfume rare?
Or humble moss to be blossom fair?

Did ever leaf of grass to its kindred
and
Harangue against being so longed and
trod?
Or seedpod that fell on a rock waste
Bemoan that its efforts were thus mis-
placed?

Or, is it that, lacking God's discontent,
The fern never questions what chance
has sent?
And is it because it's content to be—
That moss will be moss to identity?
Forget-me-not—how your we heart glows
red?
You, too, mourn a friend 'mongst the
living dead!
—Eva Dean, in New York Times.

THE STREET.

They pass me by like shadows, crowds
on crowds,
Dim ghosts of men, that hover to and
fro,
Hugging their bodies around them, like
thin shrouds
Wherein their souls were buried long
ago.
They trampled on their youth, and faith
and love,
They cast their hope of human-kind
away.
With Heaven's clear messages they mad-
ly strove,
And conquered—and their spirits turned
to grove.
Lo! how they wander 'round the world,
their grave,
Whose ever-ringing maw by such is fed,
Gibbering at living men and idly rave,
"We, only, truly live, but ye are dead."
"Alas! poor fools, the anointed eye may
trace
A dead soul's epitaph in every face!"
—James Russell Lowell.

APOLOGIA.

I am too little for the cares of men.
It was ordained that I should tend the
Spring—
Blossom with child-pouting lips upon her
fres,
And nurse each lovely thing!
I have no mettle for the deeds of men.
It was ordained that I should tend the
Spring.

I am too foolish for the storms of men.
It was ordained that I should dance and
laugh!
With faerie ladies ead my honey-crusts,
With tipsy goblets quaff!
I have no greatness for the griefs of men.
It was ordained that I should dance and
laugh.
—Antia Fitch, in McClure's.

A QUIET ROOM.

Our plastic hands but half create,
We build fair seeming hives and shells,
But all in vain our eyes await
The consciousness that in them dwells.

Beneath the burden of our stare
The ghosts slip back unawares
Man never yet found unaware
The Spirit of a lonely room.

Yet always with his friendly eyes
He sees our little moths of thought,
And sometimes with his melting smile
Their restlessness is charmed and
caught.
—T. P. Cameron Wilson, in Westminster
Gazette.

"REPROACH NOT DEATH."

Reproach not Death, nor charge to him,
in wonder,
The lives that he doth separate awhile;
But think how many hearts that ache,
sunder.
Death—pitying Death—doth join and
reconcile!
—Florence Earle Coates, in Scribner's.

NOT MUCH OF A GAME.

"I can't for the life of me under-
stand why anybody should wish to
play chess."
"It's a great game, perhaps the
greatest intellectual game there is."
"Yes, but it affords no opportunity
whatever for breaking record."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

COSTLY KNOWLEDGE.

Every tailor knows a lot of wron-
ging young men.

The Sunday School Lesson

JANUARY 14, 1912.

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Golden Text.—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. Luke 1:68.

Lesson Text.—Luke 1:57-80. Commit vs. 67-69 or 76, 77.

Time.—July, B. C. 5. Place.—The Hill Country of Judah.

Exposition.—The Birth of John the Baptist, 57, 68. God's Word proved to the very letter. (v. 57 of v. 13; ch. 2:6, 7; Gen. 21:2, 3; Num. 23; 19.) There was also a very immediate fulfillment of the promise that my shall rejoice at his birth. (see v. 14.) The coming of the child was a magnifying of God's mercy. (v. 58 R. V.) Little did the neighbors and kinsfolk who rejoiced with Elisabeth realize how much was wrapped up in the birth of that child.

II. The Circumcision and Naming of John the Baptist, 59-63. Everything was done in strict accordance with the law of God. (v. 59; cf. Lev. 12:3; ch. 2:21; Gen. 17:12; 21:3; Phil. 3:5.) The neighbors undertook the naming of the child. The name they suggested seemed appropriate enough but God already had named the boy (v. 13), so any other name was wrong. Doubtless Z. had consulted and told him and she, without any explanation, stood firmly for God's commandment. The neighbors were bound to have their way, but Zachariah settled it. Note exactly what Zachariah says, "His name is John." There was no going back on God's Word.

III. Zachariah's Song of Praise, 64-75. The appointed term of punishment of Zachariah was ended. (cf. v. 20.) And Zachariah had stood for God's promise (v. 63 of v. 13). And immediately "his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed." He at once used his restoration of speech to praise God. The manifestation of God's power caused all to fear. (v. 65 of 7:16; Acts 2:43; 5, 11; 19:17; Rev. 11:11.) Those who heard these sayings did wisely. "They laid them up in their hearts." (cf. ps. 119:11; ch. 2:19, 31; 9:44.) The change in verse 66 of "and" to "for" in the Revised Version is deeply significant. When the hand of the Lord is with a child, people may well inquire, "What manner of child shall this be." The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of song and praise. v. 67 of Eph. 5:18-20.) The Spirit came upon Elisabeth and she burst forth into song (see vs. 41-45). And now Zachariah "is filled with the Holy Ghost" and he, too, bursts into song. Later we shall see aged Simeon filled with the Spirit and he will burst into song. Heaven itself is a most musical place. The song of Zachariah is wonderful. Every clause in it is worthy of an attention that it is impossible to give here. It is a song of "salvation." The word "salvation" is found three times in it (see R. V.) and the thought of salvation runs all through it. It sings of salvation from all enemies, and salvation from sin? This salvation is to the end that we may serve God (v. 74), salvation unto service. That is the kind of salvation that is greatly needed in our churches today. The character of the salvation to which we are saved is also deeply significant. It is first of all service "without fear." There is so much servile service in our day, but that is not Christian service. As children of God we have "not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear but the spirit of adoption (placing as a son whereby we cry 'Abba Father')." (Rom. 8:15.) In the next place, it is a service "in holiness and righteousness." God's salvation makes holiness of heart and life possible to us, and He expects us to serve Him "in holiness and righteousness." This is one of the most glorious things about the salvation God has provided for us in Christ, that it is a salvation unto holiness of heart and holiness of life and not merely a salvation from the torment that sin necessitates. Sin itself is an immeasurably worse thing than any torment sin itself entails, and Jesus saves us from sin. (Matt. 1:21.) In the next place, the service is "before Him." That is in the presence of God and in fellowship with God. Finally it is perpetual service "all the days of our life." The dawn will soon come (v. 78) the night shadows will all soon flee away, and "the sun of righteousness" will shine upon them "that sit in darkness and the shadow of death." (v. 79.) What a wide difference there is between the sorrows of Elisabeth and Mary and Zachariah and the sickening twaddle of our modern hymnology.

Leading Questions.—What does this lesson teach about God's Word? What may we learn from the conduct of Elisabeth? What does the lesson teach about the Holy Spirit? About God? About Salvation?

TOO SOON TO TELL.

Tommy had been playing truant from school and had spent a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back he met one of his young cronies, who accosted him with the usual question, "Catch anything?" At this Tommy, in all the consciousness of guilt, quickly responded: "Nope—ain't been home yet."—Harper's Magazine.

A CARDINAL'S HAT.

The famous red hat that is a part of the insignia of a cardinal is round with a low crown and a wide, stiff brim, from the inside of which hang fifteen tassels, attached in a triangle. The red hat is used but twice, once when the cardinal receives it from the hands of the pope himself and afterwards, when it is put upon the cardinal's catafalque and afterward hung up in his titular church at Rome or the cathedral of his diocese.

A PICTURESQUE REVIVAL.

Tailored costumes in cloth, serge or velveteen are being ruffled at the wrists with snow-white lawn. This fashion has followed the rage for di-retroire frills on summer suits, and it looks extremely picturesque. Some of the frills falling to the finger tips from the tight fitting sleeves are accordian-pleated, and on the more ornate costumes delicate lace is used. The fashion for one-sided arrangements on day and evening gowns has

Of Interest to Our Women

THE STANDARDS OF THE MODERN GIRL.

Two women were drinking tea together the other afternoon. The grown up daughter of the hostess had just left the room and the mother, looking after her girl, shook her head and sighed.

"How nicely you have brought up that girl," the guest remarked.

The mother came out of her reverie.

"Brought her up?" she cried. "I haven't brought her up. I tell you seriously that I don't think I influence her in the slightest degree or that any of the teaching I gave her when she was a solemn little thing in pinafores has any more effect on her now than the fairy tales I told her when she was a still more solemn thing in bibs. Mary is not my daughter in the sense that I was my mother's daughter, and she was hers before that. She is just a charming woman who lives in, my house. She is a daughter of all the forces of her time."

"Frankly, I don't understand her; perhaps one generation never does understand another—or at least, not the one next to it. She is as little like you and I were when we were girls as she is like that what her grandmothers were with their scandal shoes and crinolines and their sweet, cramped little minds."

"Girls seem to have no enthusiasm nowadays. Do you remember how keen you and I were when we went to college? You read sociology and were going to reform the world. I lived for mathematics, and we both worshipped our teacher. Mary went through it all complacently and took no brilliant prizes, though she is more efficiently 'book learned' than either of us. She says she isn't of the mathematical bent and hasn't the reforming zeal. She made her own frocks all through her college career. I wouldn't be bothered even to see that mine were properly hooked during mine."

"At Mary's age I should have become a madly militant suffragist if militancy had been in the air then. But Mary gives only her sympathy to the cause. She says that, like most men, she has no liking for politics, and that agitation isn't her line."

"What is her line?"

"She does. Muster up all your modernity, my dear, or I am afraid that even you will be shocked. She says that she means to make a success of domesticity. She means to marry."

"And what is the name of her inspiration?"

"She doesn't know. When a girl talks about marriage in an abstract way it is a sure sign that she isn't in love. At present her difficulty is that she doesn't care about the sort of man who makes a good husband, and though she herself might find life much more profitable and entertaining with a bad one, she says she hasn't the right to burden her probable children with a bad father. Goodness knows where she'll end."

The other woman laughed. "Trust Mary," she said, "that it will be on firm ground."

HOW TO CARE FOR THE PIANO.

Pianos should be as carefully nurtured and cared for as the favorite horse plant. Trying to play on an instrument with a lot of rattling strings is about as satisfactory as trying to sing with a husky voice, and it is no wonder that some women allow their skill at the piano to wane in the face of tones that sound like a burlesque rendition of a familiar air.

Do not allow the piano to stand against a cold, damp wall. Be sure there is an air space between piano and wall.

Once a year is the minimum for tuning the piano. Twice or even three times is better, especially if it has been neglected for some time. The piano very much out of tune should be tuned twice within a period of a few months, after which it will stay in condition for some time. Select a good tuner and keep him. Every tuner pursues a different method, a procedure likely to result rather badly when practiced several times.

"The key of the piano," kept white by rubbing them once a month with a soft cloth moistened with alcohol. "When the piano case looks dull and smoky, go over it carefully with a soft cloth, then rub well with a dry cloth. Too much alcohol eats into the varnish. Be sure to polish vigorously after using it."

CORDUROY FOR BATHROBES.

There is a kind of cotton corduroy which is very warm and eminently suitable for winter bathrobes. It can be bought for 65 cents a yard and only seven yards are required for a robe in kimono style. A charming model, one to make any woman jealous, was seen recently, made of pale pink corduroy. The ends of the sleeves and the front edges of the gown were cut in shallow scallops and bound with inch-wide ribbon. Large pink satin-covered buttons and embroidered buttonholes made pretty fastenings. The use of corduroy for this purpose is not very common yet, but the coming Christmas season promises to find more than one of the warm, pretty negligees among the tributes of love from people who can sew.

A QUICK CHANGE ARTIST.

Inquiring Visitor—Yesterday you appeared as a fire-eater—today you are an Eskimo swallowing raw, frozen fish.

Yes, my doctor ordered a change of diet.

SIMPLICITY IN HAIRDRESSING.

Individuality and simplicity are the two most pronounced features of coiffure fashions at present. While the medium low and low coiffures are preferred in the great majority of cases, there are a variety of styles shown which permit a woman to express her own individual ideas in the arrangement of her hair.

The Psyche knot, or that effect, is shown in many of the most fashionable coiffures. This idea is carried out by use of a switch or by elongated puffs which are arranged lengthwise and are made larger in the center to produce the Psyche effect. Three puffs are, as a rule, used in the form, or more may be added if desired. This is practically the only use of puffs at present, as switches or loose puff curls are used almost universally in the arrangement of the hair.

The biscuit form of hairdressing continues popular, and is especially well liked by the young girl, who wears the triple biscuits with one over each ear. Women of maturer years who wear their hair in this style arrange the biscuits close together in the back, leaving the ears exposed.

Pads are not used in the present styles of hairdressing, as the flat effect on the sides is generally desired. The waving of the hair is used to quite an extent in the fashionable coiffures, and this gives a soft, fluffy effect around the face, which relieves the severe lines.

American women do not possess sufficient hair to dress it becomingly without a switch, which is capable of being arranged in such a variety of ways and is especially adaptable to the present requirements in hairdressing.

The present styles do not require as elaborate a use of ornaments as did the styles of last season. Some of the designs have Bulgarian effects in the comb and colorings of the ornamentation. Bandeaux are in a variety of styles and materials, metal effects being much used. With the Psyche knot the wide barrettes are desired, as they hold the hair up and give a pretty effect to the back of the head. A round pin is worn in the center of the biscuit form of hairdressing.

MAN'S PART IN THE WEDDING CEREMONY.

Too often the difficulties of the bridegroom—and any man will tell you that they are legion—are forgotten in the myriads of ceremonial perplexities assailing the bride. Masculinity is supposed to efface itself as much as possible in these days preceding love's consummation at the altar. No one seems to remember that possibly the bridegroom might like to know a few things concerning his part in the ceremony, and many a man goes his way blindly without any fragrant blunders to mar the ceremony.

Of course the matter of choosing a best man is entirely one of preference. An intimate friend or a brother usually acts in this capacity. Formerly custom prescribed that this supporter be a bachelor, but today married friends are considered equally eligible. In selecting his list of ushers the bridegroom-to-be always consults his fiancée, and if she has a brother he pays her family the compliment of including the brother in the list. The request to serve is made without ceremony in the business office, at a casual meeting or by brief note.

Fees of the marriage license, clergyman and sexton are paid by the bridegroom. The clerkymen's fee is governed by the financial status of the man who is to be married, \$5 being regarded as a standard amount. Crisp new bills or gold pieces should be provided for this purpose. In addition, the sexton must be remembered if the church is opened for rehearsal.

The bride's bouquet, the flowers of her maids and the marriage ring are the gift of the bridegroom. There is a pretty custom which concerns the prospective betrothed of providing his attendants with scarf pins or sleeve links of identical design as mementos of the happy event. The bridegroom sends carriages to convey his ushers to and from the church, his own and his best man's carriage, and the carriage which takes the bride and himself from the church. If the best man comes from a distance, the bridegroom plays the part of host during his stay. The same general rules obtain at house weddings.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

Do not stitch skirt seams all in one direction. Hold the bias side uppermost and this will give half the skirt seams stitched from bottom to top and half from top to bottom.

To hem a plaited skirt for either a child or adult, the easiest way is to baste the plait evenly to the bottom, then turn the hem and press well. When the plaits are let out the pressed line still remains and is easily followed. In this way it is not much more trouble to hem a plaited skirt than a plain one.

Crocheted buttons and stenciled buttons make very acceptable presents for any girl, as both are used so much for dress decorations. Embroidered buttons also make very nice gifts and a dozen of either crocheted, stenciled or embroidered buttons arranged neatly on a piece of white cardboard would certainly delight the heart of the receiver.

GENERAL STORE BURNS.

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FREIGHT RATES UP

State Railroad Commission Asks Aid of Other States

RECENT CHANGES NOT CLEAR

Rate Experts Who Have Examined New Classification Claims Work Has Been Poorly Done In Many Cases.

Des Moines, Jan. 12.—Letters were sent out by the Iowa state board of railroad commissioners today, requesting the railroad commissions of the several midwestern states to join in an investigation of the new freight classification issued by the western classification committee, to take effect Feb. 15. The rate experts in the employ of the Iowa commission have examined the new classification and find that there are 1,660 changes in rates and carload minimums affecting interstate traffic. Of this number 852 changes are increases and 808 decreases. "This simple numerical summary gives an incomplete and inaccurate impression of the actual effect of the changes. The increases may be so large that they will far more than offset the decreases; or, the decreases may be more than offset the increases; or, again, the increases may be on articles which move extensively, while the decreases may be on traffic which does not move."

The idea of the commission is to have a general committee of experts from the different states make an exhaustive check of the new classification, and if the facts warrant such action, to contest the new classification before the interstate commerce commission.

DEATH OF LUMBER SALESMAN

J. H. Verbeck Well Known Agent of Des Moines Saw Mill Co. Dies in Lobby of Hotel.

Des Moines, Jan. 12.—J. H. Verbeck, salesman for the Des Moines Saw Mill company, fell dead in the lobby of the Iowa hotel yesterday afternoon. He died instantly. Heart failure is given as the cause of death. Verbeck has made his home at Grant City, Mo., for some years. He had just come in from the street and was talking to E. Bilz, the bookkeeper, when he suddenly fell over backwards, striking his head with terrific force against the tiles. Verbeck has a wife and family at Grant City, and they were wired at once.

Marshall Teachers to Meet.

Marshalltown, Jan. 12.—Dr. S. H. Clark of the University of Chicago will talk on "Reading in the Public Schools" and Prof. W. H. Bender of Cedar Falls will discuss "Essential Elements in Good Teaching" at a general meeting of school teachers of this county to be held here tomorrow.

Rate Hearing at Keokuk.

Des Moines, Jan. 12.—Attorney General Cosson today received notice from the interstate commerce commission that the river cities rate cases will be heard at Keokuk, Jan. 18th, instead of at Chicago, Jan. 19th. Commissioner Harlan will hear the cases.

Judge Smith Improved.

Council Bluffs, Jan. 12.—The condition of Judge Walter I. Smith, former congressman from the Ninth district, is gradually improving. He has just returned from Chicago, where he consulted a specialist, whose report on his condition was very favorable.

Sues City for Damages.

Keokuk, Jan. 12.—For dislocation of the left arm, a sprained wrist and internal injuries, Miss Edwina McKenzie has asked the city for \$5,000 damages. In a petition filed in the district court she says she tripped over a fire hose on Main street.

Long Career is Ended.

Glenwood, Jan. 12.—The sale of the D. L. Hensheimer stock of goods to a Lincoln, Neb., firm ends what is probably the longest mercantile career in Iowa. Mr. Hensheimer commenced business here in 1860 and has continued without a break.

Hotel Allee Burns at Persia.

Persia, Jan. 12.—The hotel here known as Hotel Allee, was destroyed by fire last night, the blaze originating in the kitchen. No one was injured, but practically nothing was saved. The loss was \$4,000.

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MMULLINGTON.
On January 6 at 8 o'clock p. m. at the residence of C. Cook, 1089 Brook street, occurred the wedding of Brook Purcell and Miss Lena Marshall, both of W. Marshall performing the ceremony. Only intimate friends and three sisters were present.

Mrs. McDowell of Hannibal, Mo., was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Trent last week.

Miss Susie Leedan has returned to her home in Hannibal, Mo., after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Johnson of Spruce St.

Mrs. L. Washington entertained with a delightful dinner on Sunday complimentary to Miss S. Leedan of Hannibal Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Simms and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray, December 31st, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Badgett spent New Year's in Keokuk.

Miss Besie and Marie Leslie visited in Monmouth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have returned to their home in Des Moines after a pleasant visit with Mrs. V. Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frisier of Peoria, Ill. are the guests of Mr. Frasier's mother, Mrs. Anderson of Main street.

Rev. R. Palmer was the recipient of a nice purse of money from the Union Baptist Sunday school for a Christmas present.

Eugene Patterson of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday with his sister and family.

Mrs. R. P. Palmer with a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. J. Dun on the 24 of January and gave him a surprise, it being his birthday. He was the recipient of many useful presents. Rev. Palmer made the presentation speech with a few well chosen remarks. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Jordan Earle has returned from a very pleasant visit at Frankfort, Mo.

FEVER SORES.
Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and eruptions of the skin. For sale by all druggists.

CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.
Mrs. Fannie Alnutt is quite ill at her home on 9th street.

The J. S. Y. club met at the home of Mrs. Addie Gray last Wednesday and elected their officers and will have an installation reception at the home of Mrs. Harry Horne on next Wednesday night.

The Culture club met at the home of Mrs. Price Harrison and installed officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Kate Williams is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Price Harrison. We hope the ladies will make it pleasant for her while in our city.

The Allen Guards met with the president, Mrs. Ella Lucas, Thursday and an interesting meeting was held.

We trust that each individual will take upon himself the burden of sending news to the agent or call up Uo. 1313 Red, as it will be quite a help to her, especially news from the different clubs. Let this 1912 be one of prosperity and let Cedar Rapids be second to none. We can do so by each one lending a helping hand, as the poet says:

"Let us then be up and doing with a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

The Rev. R. Hackley was out of the city New Year's visiting relatives.

The chairman of Child and Mother Study wishes to meet all the different clubs of the city in a mothers' meeting the last Friday in this month at her home. Let each one wear a white ribbon. Further particulars will be announced later.

Mr. Ross Simms died at Mercy hospital Saturday night. He leaves a wife, sister and other relatives.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.
Mesdames Thos. Midgert, James Alden and Miss Etta Ross of Chicago, Mrs. Daisy Luverne of Iowa City and Mrs. Peter Louwage of Muscatine have returned to their homes after spending the holidays with Mrs. Rufus Phoenix.

Mrs. Chas. Jones entertained a number of tri-city friends in honor of the house guests of Mrs. Rufus Phoenix. Mrs. James Lizsons also entertained Friday evening, December 29.

Mrs. E. D. Colard and little grandson Scottie returned home after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Chicago and Henderson, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corley have returned to the city after spending a week in Chicago.

Mr. Eddie Richardson of Galesburg, Ill., spent a few days in the city visiting his brother Ray.

Mr. Chas. Dickerson our successful business man has returned home after a short business trip to the south.

Messrs. Earl Bradley and Wm. Terrell left Sunday evening for a few days' visit with friends in Chicago.

OTUMWA ITEMS.
Miss Maude Buckner of West 4th street has returned from a few days visit with her relatives and friends in Keosauqua, Iowa.

A quiet home wedding occurred a few days ago when Miss Nora Harris, N. Marion St., became the bride of Henry Casen, of West 2nd St. Rev. M. I. Gordon, pastor of the A. M. E. church officiated. The couple received many useful and beautiful presents.

Mr. George Young of Peoria, Ill., visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. Spotts, 321 E. Main street.

Mr. Thos. Spicer, 450 W. 5th St., spent New Year's in Okaloosa.

Miss Cecil Spotts, 321 E. Main, is visiting at R. Johnson's home in Okaloosa this week.

The Stewards of the A. M. E. church served dinner and supper on New Year's which was a success socially and financially.

Mrs. Hattie Benton, 321 W. Div. St., is on this week's sick list.

Miss Blanford Robinson's cousin of Centerville is visiting in this city.

Miss Hazel Clark, 321 W. Div., spent New Year's Day in Okaloosa, the guest of Miss Edna Jones.

Messrs. Paul and Ray Johnson of Follow street entertained a few of their friends at their home last week.

Miss Blanford Robinson has returned from a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Fairfield.

Miss Mary Dean Beverly and Mr.

George Jackson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on North Marion street Monday evening, January 1st. Rev. M. I. Gordon officiating.

Mrs. Nora Cason played the wedding march. After congratulations a two-course luncheon was served to the 50 guests present. They went to house-keeping on Main street where they are at home to their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Delevan, Ill., parents of the groom were present.

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CLINTON.
Rev. J. H. Ferrabee spent the holidays in Chicago with his family.

Miss Inez Moss of Champaign, Ill., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Mann.

Rev. Elias C. Winston gave a most pleasing recital of the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening, December 22d, under the auspices of Bethel A. M. E. church. The audience which was exceedingly small was nevertheless appreciative.

The Christmas festivities at Bethel A. M. E. church were evidenced on Christmas night when a very pleasing program was rendered by the Sunday school scholars. A Christmas tree had been provided, which was laden with presents and articles suitable to the occasion. A large number of their friends were present, which lent enthusiasm to the occasion.

The Misses May Taylor of Wilberforce college and Ida of Chicago spent Christmas with their parents.

Miss Bertha Bradley of Rockford, Ill., visited in Clinton last week.

The women's Loyal Club held their annual reception at the home of the president, Mrs. J. T. Culbertson, recently. An interesting program was rendered, followed by the serving of refreshments. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. William Thompson, of Ottumwa returned to his home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with his sons, Charles and Oscar.

Mrs. Oscar Thompson has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Anna Foster of Ottumwa, who left Monday for her home.

Miss Maude Benson of Buxton, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson.

The trustee helpers will entertain at Bethel M. E. Church, Friday evening, Jan. 5th at a social. A good time is looked forward to.

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.
Snow and plenty of it, and then some cold, crisp weather with it. "The Messiah's Advent," was most beautifully rendered on Christmas Eve, by the St. James A. M. E. Church choir of 23 voices under the direction of Mrs. Addie C. Minor. A large audience listened to its rendition.

Memorial services of Gopher lodge 106, I. O. E. W., were held at St. James church, Sunday evening, December 31st. Rev. Jones preached a good sermon.

Mrs. E. Echols of Thomas street entertained at luncheon Thursday of last week, Mesdames Elizabeth Lee of Chicago and I. Hicks.

One of the most brutal murders in the annals of the city and especially among us was committed on last Tuesday night by Geo. W. Parker, a student in a medical college at Omaha, also a resident of this city. Parker is thought to be insane. For motives unknown to no one he took a razor and cut to death Mrs. Andrew Jackson, also colored, at her home on St. Anthony avenue, who was and has been an invalid for several years, being stricken with paralysis. Parker came here from Omaha the first of the week to marry a Miss De Tiene who was staying at the Jackson home. For some reason the young lady postponed the wedding, much to the dislike of Parker, whom some say thought Mrs. Jackson might perhaps had something to do with, therefore wrecking such vengeance upon the helpless woman. Mrs. Jackson was highly respected in our community. Her husband is a porter on the Great Northern and was out on his run when this happened. He has the sympathy of the entire community. Parker is being held in custody at the jail and will have a hearing next week. The funeral of Mrs. Jackson was held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, at the Baptist Church and was largely attended. The deceased was a member of the Household of Ruth, and was buried with her honors.

A meeting of the Queens of Sheba Chapter, O. E. S. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ellen Cannon, W. M.; Mary Moore, A. W. M.; Gertrude Barber, Treas.; Mattie R. Hicks, Sec'y.; Marie McElroy, Cond.; Mary Banister, A. Cond.

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Patron; Walker Williams, Emma Archer, Ada; Emma Parker, Ruth; Annie Robinson, Esther; May Mason, Martha; Alice Martin, Electa. The above named officers were installed on the 27th with Prada of the West, Chapter No. 30, Minneapolis.

The Self-Culture club ladies entertained their husbands at a reception Thursday evening, December 28th at the home of Mrs. Blanche Charleston of University avenue. There were present eighteen and the gentlemen said they never had so much fun since they were boys and that has been a long time ago.

The Handicraft Art club held open doors New Year's day at the home of Mrs. Bessie Miller of Edmund street.

Messrs. Scott J. Mason, Alvah Taylor and J. E. Johnson, railroad magistrates, spent the holidays with their families.

Mrs. Quilman Hicks of Thomas St. was hostess to the M. T. C. Art club study on the life of Frederick Douglass of Minneapolis, Thursday. Typical was led by Mrs. Mary Moss. Current events by Mrs. Belle Hyatt. Refreshments were served by the hostess, after which the club adjourned to meet January 18th with Mrs. Irma Helm of Minneapolis.

grand musical under the direction of the Cosmopolitan Quartette, assisted by other talent will be given at St. James church on the 18th inst, proceeds for the benefit of the church. Admission only 25 cents.

Mrs. Laquina Williams of Winthrop is in the city, being called here by the horrible death of her mother, Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. Biddle High is spending the holidays with her husband at Winnipeg.

Mrs. B. F. Edwards is in Chicago at the bedside of her sick mother.

Mrs. Madge Thomas of New York is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ingram, and Mrs. W. R. Harby.

Wait for the big musical hit given by Queen of Sheba chapter in the near future. Something entirely new.

The Self-Culture club will hold its next meeting January 10 with Mrs. B. R. Durant of Payne avenue.

MASON CITY NEWS.
A number of people attended the services Sunday at the church, regardless of the extreme cold weather.

The officers of the Plymouth Mission for the year 1912, are as follows: W. L. Jones, Deacon; John D. Reeler, R. O. Stratton, W. L. Jones, Trustees; Mrs. J. D. Reeler, Supt.; R. O. Stratton, Church Treasurer; Mrs. Mary B. Cabbie, clerk.

Plymouth Mission, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Penny, with fifteen active members paid their past \$616.65 for the year of 1911. Paid \$20 per month rent for church room with other expenses, and starts the New Year out of debt. The Ladies Aid society are the "busy bees" of the church. Their work speaks for itself.

Mrs. Bruton and her brother, with the assistance of Miss Bernice Davis has give us two very fine musical entertainments. We welcome them to our city with their musical talent.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stratton of Manly, Iowa, gave their family Xmas dinner with most of their sons and daughters.

Mrs. W. S. Stratton and little daughter, Estella of Manly, Iowa, was visiting her father, Rev. E. J. Penny on 6th avenue and Mr. W. T. Jones, 115 Broady street, a few days last week.

Mrs. Warren and Miss Nora Williams and Miss Artega took an active part in Mrs. Bruton's entertainment which was well attended.

Girls, remember this is leap year. We have a few bachelors in our town. Don't let them get away.

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2 oz. Pure Gum Camphor15c
1/2 pt. Best Spirits Camphor25c
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